THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. There are 2 units of Public Sector Undertakings under the Department of Heavy Industry namely Cement Corporation of India (CCI) and Hindustan Salts Ltd. (HSL) located in Himachal Pradesh at Rajban and Mandi respectively.

(b) and (c) Government acts as a facilitator in the promotion of industries but it is for the entrepreneurs to decide where they would like their industrial units to be located. In this regard, the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion have issued in January, 2003 a special package of fiscal incentive/ subsidies for attracting investment in the State of Himachal Pradesh. As far as Department of Heavy Industry is concerned, at present there is no proposal to set up any new Public Sector company under the Department, in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

Job opportunities

*180. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of educated unemployed and uneducated job-seekers in urban cities has grown across the country;

(b) the city-wise details of post-graduate, graduate, under-graduate and ITI qualified job-seekers, skilled and unskilled unemployed labourers in various age-groups as on 1st January of year 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004 duly indicating their percentage *vis-a-vis* population in the respective years;

(c) the details of job-seekers secured employment in respective categories during the relevant years;

(d) the estimated population of job-seeking youth by 2010;

(e) the measures contemplated, if any, for achieving quantum enhancement in job opportunities; and

(f) the time-frame thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) The information on employment and unemployment situation in the country becomes available from the quinquennial surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The latest two quinquennial surveys pertain to the years 1993-94 and 1999-2000. On the basis of information furnished by the Planning Commission, a table showing educational attainment-wise unemployment rates in urban areas is given at Statement-I. Planning Commission has further reported city-wise estimates are not available. The education level-wise distribution of job - seekers, at All India level, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges as reported by the Directorate General of Employment and Training under the Ministry of Labour and Employment is given in the Statement-II.

(e) and (f) Tenth Five Year Plan has identified many labour intensive sectors like Agriculture and Allied Activities, Food Processing, Rural Non-farm Sector including Khadi and Village Industries, Small and Medium Enterprises and Services sectors including Health, Education, Information Technology and Communication where employment generating growth can be rejuvenated.

Statement I

TABLE: Unemployment rate (as % of labour force) for persons of age 15 years and above with different educational attainments—UPS

General Education Level	1993-94		1999-2000	
	Urban Male	Urban Female	Urban Male	Urban Female
Not Literate	1.1	0.4	1.4	0.6
Literate upto Primary	2.5	4.5	3.0	2.5
Middle	5.7	15.7	5.6	11.1
Secondary	6.3	20.0	5.5	14.4
Higher Secondary	8.5	22.2	8.3	18.9
Graduate & above	6.4	20.6	6.6	16.3

Statement - II

Education level-wise distribution of job-seekers registered in employment exchanges

(*in thousands*)

YEAR	10th Class Passed	10+2 Passed	Graduate	Post Graduate	Diploma Holders	Grand Total
1991	12777.7	5516.4	3387.5	419.7	333.2	22435.5
1992	13120.7	5572.7	3450.0	455.0	407.8	23006.3
1995	13947.1	6104.4	3813.4	509.2	421.0	24795.0
1996	14098.0	6243.2	3977.3	515.1	431.7	25265.3
1998	15230.3	7020.7	4389.0	596.0	553.0	27788.9
2000	15987.2	7367.9	4376.4	763.7	735.8	29231.0
2002	16188.6	7715.5	4303.9	806.8	653.1	29667.9

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO THE UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Foreign Trade Policy

†995. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the new Foreign Trade Policy introduced from September, 2004;

(b) whether it has been proposed to provide relaxations to export-oriented units to increase employment opportunities therein under the said trade policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The Foreign Trade Policy announced on 31st August 2004 proposes to double India's percentage share of global merchandise trade by 2009 and act as an effective instrument of economic growth by giving a thrust to employment generation, especially in semi-urban and rural areas. The salient features of the new Foreign Trade Policy are available in the 'Foreign Trade Policy', 2004-09 and a copy of the Foreign Trade Policy is available in the Parliament library for reference.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.